

Remarks

Claims 32-45 are presently pending in the application. No amendment is made thereto in this Response.

In a final Office Action dated May 17, 2005, the Examiner rejected claims 32-45 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-47 of commonly owned prior U.S. Pat. No. 6,231,594.

In response thereto, the applicant files herewith a Terminal Disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c), and the requisite fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.20(d), in order to overcome the Examiner's rejection of claims 32-45 and place the application in condition for allowance.

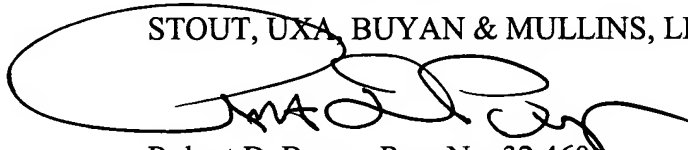
Accordingly, Applicant submits that the present application is now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

Should any matter remain unresolved, the Examiner is requested to promptly call the Applicant's attorney at the telephone number given below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any shortages or credit any overages of fees, in connection with this Response, to Deposit Account No. 50-0878.

Respectfully submitted,

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